

## THE OFFICIAL GRIND

FROM THE GOVERNMENT BUREAUS.

At the Capitol Committee-Rooms and in the Several Departments—Confirmations by the Senate—The Distilled Spirits in Bond Bill—Statistics.

The House Committee on Commerce has decided to begin the consideration of the several pending inter-State commerce bills on Friday next.

Mr. Joseph B. Shiloh arrived here last evening, and will appear before the committee on the Foreign Affairs at ten o'clock this morning.

The Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service has decided that mustard flour is injurious to other commodities, and has been made.

The House Committee on Rules yesterday officially agreed to recommend an allowance of additional force on the work of preparing a general and special report on the Revenue.

The House Committee on War Claims has decided to recommend that \$20,000 be allowed Mr. W. H. Davis in full satisfaction of his claim for the destruction by the Government of his wharf at San Francisco.

call bonds had been redeemed at the Treasury as follows: Under the 190th call, \$12,543,750; under the 107th call, \$17,212,000; under the 108th call, \$17,767,750; under the 109th call, \$3,925,000; and under the 110th call, \$8,463,600.

Advises have reached the Foreign Mails Bureau to the effect that since the admission of the Sandwich Islands to the International Postal Union the

The House Committee on Expenditures in the War Department were in session again yesterday. The only witness examined was a Mr. Sawyer, who, it is understood, testified that a chief clerk in the Quartermaster-General's department, and had taken money from a claimant as payment for services in the latter's behalf.

Secretary Folger has designated Captains G. R. Slicer, Eric Gaurlelsen, and L. G. Shepard, of the Revenue Marine Service, as a board to examine

The following patents were issued from the Patent Office yesterday to District Inventors: Charles Ewing, Washington, telephone transmitter; H. Longfellow, Green, Washington, telephone transmitter.

stant level jumps; John H. Patterson, U. S. A., carpouge; Robert D. O. Smith, Washington, water-closet; Michael I. Weller, Washington, tobacco-pouch frame.

recent act of Congress. The names were suggested of a number of persons who were thought to have peculiar fitness for the place of commissioner, but no decision was reached with regard to any one of them.

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In connection with its bearing upon the supplemental examination of Mr. Shipherd, which is expected to take place at ten o'clock to-day, no definite plan for conducting the examination was agreed upon. Mr. Shipherd has been summoned to appear before the committee this morning, but nothing in reply has been received from him.

The House Committee on the Judiciary held

The Laffan land grant bill, which provides for the forfeiture of all lands granted to the railroad that have not complied with the terms of the granting acts. While the committee made considerable progress yesterday, the point of action was not reached. The committee have held many sessions upon this matter during the past two weeks, and members now say that the work is as far advanced that reports will surely be sub-

The chief of the Bureau of Statistics reports that the total values of the exports of domestic provisions, tallow, and dairy products during the month of April, 1882, were \$6,300,344, and during April, 1881, \$6,199,186; for the four months ended April 30, 1882, \$26,800,634, and for the same period

April 30, 1882, were \$63,838,969, and during the six months ended April 30, 1881, \$73,425,552. The exports of dairy products for the twelve months ended April 30, 1882, amount to \$18,080,943, and for the corresponding period of the preceding year \$23,486,352.

privian mail-matter to that port. Payta is the only port remaining in the possession of the Peruvian postal authorities, and all mails from the United States to Peru leave, for some time past, been sent to that town. Under the instructions of the Postmaster-General, Superintendent Blackburn has declined to accede to the above request, as it would seem to officially recognize the right of the Chilian to take possession of the Peruvian ocean

A delegation of manufacturers of knit goods from cities in the Middle and New England States appeared before the Ways and Means Committee yesterday. Their object was to advocate the passage of Representative Buck's bill, which proposes to amend the second paragraph of section 2004 of the Revised Statutes so as to exclude articles com-

The Postmaster-General has issued an order re-

tions, which require the real estate property of a surety to equal in value 25 per cent. of the aggregate amount of his bond. The Postmaster-General takes the ground that the regulation is in direct conflict with the Revised Statutes, and says: "It seems clear to me that a former bond cannot be considered as a debt or obligation under the statutes until it is forfeited, and the Department cannot reject a bond because it is not a new one."

Mr. Morrill, from the Finance Committee, reported to the Senate the bill proposed by him as a substitute for the House bill relating to the en-

warehouses and the withdrawal of the same therefrom. Material amendments to the bill were agreed to by the committee this morning, the most important being the addition to the first section, which makes the tax payable within five years from the date of entrance of spirits into bonded warehouses, of the following proviso: "That from and after the expiration of three years from the entry of any distilled spirits into

upon the tax now imposed by law shall be collected and paid upon all distilled spirits, to be computed until the time of the withdrawal of such distilled spirits in bond, but no fraction of a month to be computed." This amendment met with decided opposition, and was adopted by a bare majority, the vote being 5 to 4. In section 7, which prescribes penalties for violations of the act, the committee agreed to strike out the minimum.

more than three years and representation for not more than three years for every such failure or violation." The proviso to section 1, that in case of the death or mental disability of the person required to make statement and give bond, his executor, administrator, or other proper legal representative may do so, is amended by the further proviso "That the tax shall be collected and paid in accordance with existing law unless new bonds shall be required."

**Major King and a Beehive.**  
Major King, the agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was called on a day or two ago to relieve a hive of bees that were starving. The Major procured a supply of syrup

and proceeded to work on the Major's countenance with their business ends until he was forced to beat a hasty retreat and leave the ungrateful insects to their fate. He thinks the swelling in his face will subside in about a week.